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mixing conditions and combinations thereof. The substantially uniform composition is then introduced in a suitable coextrusion assembly along with the outer layer and inner layer materials, and formed by suitable connecting shapers or dies, into useful shapes and configurations as described hereinabove. It is preferable that, during the forming step, substantially no polymerization occurs. The composite can be subjected to any post-processing steps, such as texturing, painting and the like as may be desirable. Advantageously, the layered composites in accordance with the present invention do not require any mechanical means to secure the layers together. The co-extrusion process described hereinabove causes the layers to bond together without the aid of adhesives, glue, bonding agents or the like.--

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

Replace the Abstract of the Invention with the following:

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--Composite fence and decking components, for example, rails, posts and planks, are provided which generally include a weatherable outer layer, a core layer made of a thermoplastic polymeric composition and a wood component in an amount effective as a filler, and an inner layer made of a thermoplastic material. The layers are configured so as to form a generally central hollow space. The components are light weight and inexpensive to manufacture. The components can be manufactured by using a single coextrusion process to produce a cylindrical form. The cylindrical form is passed through a reshaping die to form a composite having a desired cross sectional form, for example, a composite with a substantially square or rectangular cross section.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 17, 32, 33 without prejudice.